

I Am the Good Shepherd

John 10:7-18

Series: I Am

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INTRODUCTION

We are currently in a sermon series called “I Am”, where we are examining the unique “I AM” sayings of Jesus from the Gospel of John. All of these statements express the relationship with Christ and His beloved people. For today, we will be studying the passage where Jesus referred to Himself as The Good Shepherd.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Name some of the people in your life who protected and cared for you? In what ways that have they impacted or influenced your life? How would you describe your relationship with that person?
2. In John 9, Jesus miraculously healed a man who was born blind. When the Pharisees heard of this, they questioned the man about who healed him. Read John 9:24-34, and in your own words, describe the exchange between the Pharisees and this once blind man.
3. Read John 9:35-41 and 10:1-6. What did Jesus accuse the Pharisees and religious leaders of? Why are these accusations significant in light of the miracle that just occurred in chapter 9?
4. In John 10:7-10, Jesus referred to Himself as the gate to the sheep pen. What idea was Jesus trying to communicate here to His audience? Who was He comparing Himself to (ref. Luke 16:14)?
5. Has there been a time in your life or maybe in the life of the church where you placed your trust and faith and hope in a religious leader or a pastor, more so than in Christ? In what ways can this potentially lead us astray in our faith? What are some ways we can guard our hearts (ref. Rom 12:2)?
6. In John 10:11-13, Jesus refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd, and He compares Himself to a hired hand. As you read these verses, what are some of the differences that you see between the two?
7. Read John 10:14-17. Here Jesus reaffirms to the Pharisees and the crowd that He is indeed the Good Shepherd. According to Jesus, what are some of the distinctive characteristics and actions of the Good Shepherd? What are some of your thoughts as you read these verses?

CONCLUSION

In this life, we will come across our fair share of hurts and pains, betrayal and even failures. But the good news is, we have a Good Shepherd, who loves and cares and knows us intimately. He has our absolute best interests at heart, and we need to place our trust and faith in His leading and in His voice.

“I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.” John 12:46